



The Magical Mortons... one of the acts to be presented at the Magic Wonder Show April 14 in the Torrance Municipal Auditorium are shown in a series of scenes taken from performances. The show is being sponsored by the Torrance Lions Club as a benefit show for underprivileged children.

Water Supply

(Continued from Page One) ter expansion bond project being planned by the city is a 10,000,000 gallon reservoir to be located in Palos Verdes and a 2,000,000 gallon reservoir in North Torrance, as well as necessary feed lines. The Central Torrance water district, which used 793,431,990 gallons of water for the fiscal year, 1949-50, almost doubled consumption of the fiscal year, 1939-40 when 416,357,250 gallons were used. Stanger pointed out that, at the present time, with North Torrance having no storage supply whatsoever, Walteria having very little water storage, and Torrance central district using more water a day than its storage supply, in case of an emergency, Torrance would find itself on a limb in a precarious position due to a lack of water storage and pipe lines. At the present time, the Torrance Central District uses 3,000,000 gallons daily and has a 2,500,000 gallon storage capacity. Stanger reported that one additional well for Walteria and two for Torrance may be drilled in the near future. At present, Torrance has two wells from which to draw water and Walteria, one. The balance of the Torrance supply comes from Metropolitan Water District.

Bellwood and Merola Vie for Queen Title

Fighting out the battle for the Miss Torrance, of 1951 title, with a week and a half remaining in the race is Pat Merola and Zola Bellwood. Miss Merola with a total of 33,666 points leads Miss Bellwood by a slight margin of 255 points as the end of the race nears, according to William A. Zoeller, Certified Public Accountant in charge of the vote tallies. Bringing in the greatest number of points, 5,812, for this week is Zola Bellwood, which wins her this week's 1000 point bonus. Dona Fuller brought in the second high number of points for the week, 3,325, which brought her the 750 point bonus. Winner of the 500 point bonus for the week is Pat Merola with 3,500 points. Coronation of the queen will be held April 7 at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. This week's vote results, released by Zoeller, are as follows: Pat Merola 33,666; Zola Bellwood 33,411; Sandy Gulbranson 30,209; Dona Fuller 27,084; Dorothy Sandstrom 25,129; Shirley York 15,514; Alice Gargalis 2,820.

Youth Band To Sponsor Fun Festival

The Torrance Area Youth Band will sponsor a "Torrance Fun Festival" at the corner of Engracia and Cravens beginning next Wednesday, April 4th and running through Sunday, April 8th. The purpose of the "Fun Festival" will be to raise funds to pay for the "Band Benefit Parade" to be held in Torrance on Saturday, May 19th. The property on which the "Fun Festival" will be held is furnished to the band through the courtesy of the Torrance Masonic Lodge, Leonard Babcock, Master. The film, "The Atom Strikes" will be shown in the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening, April 23rd, as part of the local civilian defense program. This film is the latest word in atomic energy and is very interesting and informative on what happens when an atom bomb strikes. The Kiwanis Club of Torrance

Crenshaw Blvd. To Be Widened

Crenshaw boulevard, between 190th and 203rd streets, will be widened, according to a bid call set for April 10, announced City Manager George Stevens, this week. The project, to cost an estimated \$24,500, will make the stretch a four-lane thoroughfare with a dividing strip in the center, Stevens said. The cost would be met through gasoline tax allocations to the city. Widening of the strip is part of a long-range plan by city and county officials to make Crenshaw boulevard a through arterial extending from the sea at Palos Verdes to downtown Los Angeles. Workmen now are preparing right-of-way over the hills and planning is progressing for a stretch to be opened between Sepulveda boulevard and Pacific Coast highway. Gas tax funds in later years will pay for widening of various other sections north of 190th street and south of Torrance boulevard. is sponsoring this community showing of the film along with the Civil Defense Program of the local Government, the Torrance Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Veterans' Organizations, and other Service Clubs of Torrance.

Lion-Sponsored Magic Show Here in 2 Weeks

The time is 10:30 a.m. and the date is April 14 for the Magic Wonder Show being brought to Torrance by the Lions Club. The "Modern Magic and Old Fashioned Fun" show, to be staged in the Torrance Municipal Auditorium, is being sponsored by the Lions as a benefit show for underprivileged children of Torrance. Audience participation, prizes, beautiful girls, music and good, clean fun for all the family will be featured, along with such spectacular mysteries as "The Mad Doctor's Dream," the extravagant production hailed as the "Fantasy of the Flowers," and "The Magical Mortons," magicians. One of the highlights of the performance will be a series of contests in which local youngsters and adults may participate for generous prizes. Specially arranged Hammond electric organ music will be provided during the stage shows and before the performance begins, and you are invited to come early because a policy of first come, first to the good seats, will be followed. The Lions Club brings this

Torrance are happy to announce that you will be able to get free invitations for this great show, by asking for them from the merchants, the business and professional people in and around Torrance, Harbor City, Lomita and Walteria, who are assisting the Lions Club in sponsoring this Magic Wonder Show.

Forger-Car Thief

(Continued from Page One) forgery of two checks in Torrance and two in Las Vegas. George W. Smith, who was allegedly Bruce's companion in his forgeries and who traveled part of the distance between states with him is in the custody of Rangers in Boulder City, Nevada. Bruce will be charged by the federal authorities for taking a stolen car, across the California-Nevada border. Both Bruce and Smith are suspected of cashing a false \$75 check at Gary's Jewelers last Saturday, purchasing a \$50 watch and keeping the \$25 balance. They also passed a bad check last Saturday at Frank's Furniture Store. Bruce, who has relations residing in Torrance, was admittedly the petty thief who stole money, shoes and clothing from workers of the Standard Oil Refinery in Torrance recently. Bruce recently spent 10 days in

City Parking

(Continued from Page One) inquired: "What do you want to do, put in some parking meters?" Haggard replied, "I just think we ought to have title to our streets." It was recalled that when parking meters were being considered for Torrance downtown area several years ago, representatives of the original land owners told the Council that they would expect commissions from the parking meters if they are installed since they gave the land "for streets and sidewalks" only. The motion carried unanimously, and Hall will proceed with the issue. Smith, whose last known address was the Los Angeles County Jail where he spent 25 days, is only two months out of San Quentin where he served time for burglary. He has also served time at McCallister Penitentiary.

355 Derricks

(Continued from Page One) cases, he said. It is up to the city in those cases to enforce the recommendations, Hobbs said. The department he represents can only take enforcement measures where there is one or more employees working at a derrick. At a closed meeting with the Torrance City Council several weeks ago, Hobbs reported that the Council pledged its cooperation in the making safe of derricks which the State can take no action.

Local Realtors

(Continued from Page One) Bowen of Torrance, who is Regional vice president of the state association, sponsor of the program, in cooperation with local realty boards. Attending the

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